



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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### **Erin Niehoff wins BHCS Geography Bee Two Years Running!**

Seventh grader Erin Niehoff was once again the winner of the National Geographic Bee at BHCS that was held last week. Kessler Parrott who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade came in second, and Abigail Jakub in 7<sup>th</sup> grade placed third. Erin will now take a written test that is submitted for determining eligibility for the National Geographic Bee at the state level. Erin qualified last year and represented us very well at the Portland event. Good luck, Erin and thank you for representing BHCS so well.

### **THANK YOU SPECIAL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!** **We couldn't have done it without you.**

When I went to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom to ask who would use their recess time to help shovel the enormous snow pile in front of the greenhouse, there was no hesitation from many. I took the first 5 students who raised their hands, but I think if I had had enough shovels I could have gotten the entire grounds cleared. So, please accept this grateful recognition....Jessie Moore, Susan Bell, Will Ricker, David Reinke, and Jordon Soper! And thank you, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, for being willing to help the school.

**Sports Notice:** Swing Practice - Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

### **Pee Wee Basketball**

Both teams on Jan. 15 (Sat.), 10:00 AM.  
BH 1 @ Castine; BH 2 @ GSA

### **Notes from the band room...**

Pianist/vocalist Mesa Schubeck will be presenting a concert, "Love and Light" at 7:00 PM, Saturday, January 15th, at the Bay School's Emlen Hall in Blue Hill. She will be performing an array of musical selections in collaboration

with family and friends. Mesa is a 2009 graduate in piano performance from UMO and has currently been teaching piano through Bay Chamber Concerts in Rockport. Admission is \$5 and there will be light refreshments. Any questions - call Heidi at 374-5417.

### **Take a look in the lobby.**

Tucker Norwood (1st grade) has his watch collection on display, along with Nellie Haldane's (5th grade) key chains. If you have any interesting collections you want to share, contact Becky Richardson at 374-3680.

### **PTF News**

- The Family **Movie Night** this Friday, Jan. 14, will feature *Shrek, Forever After/The Final Chapter*, rated PG (93 min.). Food will be available for sale at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00 PM. Donations will benefit the PTF, and thus BHCS.
- The **PTF Family Potluck and Variety Show** has been moved to Friday, Feb. 4, due to a scheduling conflict with the 8th grade dance. The potluck will start at 5:30 PM and the entertainment at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Means and Mr. Schubeck have registration forms for anyone interested in participating. Mark your calendar for a fun night of great talent.

### **5-2-1-0 Tidbit**

#### **FRUIT AND VEGGIE CHALLENGE....**

**EVERY CLASSROOM IS CHALLENGED TO EAT 200 SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES!**

If every student and teacher in the Blue Hill Consolidated School eats fruits and vegetables for a snack, how many fruits and vegetables would that be? How long would it take for a class of kids and teachers to eat 200 servings of fruits and veggies? We are going to try and find out! Starting on Tuesday, January 18th, every class is going to have a challenge to

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bring fruits and veggies to eat at snack time. At school, every class is going to count the number of fruits and veggies their own class eats. When the class has consumed 200 fruits and veggies, that class will get a reward! The rewards could be some extra time in the gym, an opportunity to dance with the Dance, Dance Revolution, an extra recess time, and special recognition in the newsletter, the school announcements, and a Certificate Of Healthy Achievement! Of course, the best reward of all will be the benefit of making healthier food choices that are really tasty and good for you!

***BRING ON THE CHALLENGE--EAT THOSE FRUITS AND VEGGIES AND GET REWARDED!***

By the way, did you know that the BHCS Cafeteria lunch program offers fruits and veggies EVERY DAY--sign up and try them!! They're yummy and soooo good for you!  
~~Debbie Candage, School Nurse

### ***Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning***

PMAL will offer a 2-day program during the February school break on Tuesday, February 22, and Wednesday, February 23, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

#### ***\*\*\*Tiny Faces, Tiny Places***

Have you ever wanted to make a little world all your own with wee little people and houses just their size? During this vacation come and make your own tiny, magical kingdom from wood, moss, and found objects and then create the people who live there with felted wool.

The program is geared for children in K-5th grade. The cost for the two-day program is \$95 and includes all materials and healthy snacks (please pack a bag lunch). Space is limited to 12 participants, so register early!

Contact Chris Muise at [chris.pmal@gmail.com](mailto:chris.pmal@gmail.com) or (207) 374-5255.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tonight! January 13, 6:00 PM – **GSA Open House** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents. If you are a middle school parent you may also be interested in this evening and they would welcome you.

- Jan. 14 (F) PTF Family Movie Night, food at 5:30 and movie at 6:00.
- Jan. 17 (M) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 19 (W) **8<sup>th</sup> Graders** welcome at **GSA** for pizza and a varsity basketball game.
- Jan. 21 (F) School **Spelling Bee** at 8:15 AM  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance at 7:00 PM
- Jan. 25 (Tu) **Parent Portal Meeting**, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Feb. 4 (F) PTF **Potluck and Variety Show**, 5:30 PM.